

MIAMI



Once a small city living off citrus farming, Miami is now one of the most popular tourist destinations in the country. Although it only has a population of 470,000, its metropolitan area is the most populous in Florida. Nicknamed the «magic city», Miami is indeed a magical place, constantly evolving, with remarkable Art Deco architecture, exhilarating nightlife and beautiful white sand beaches! Come join the party in the most Latin city north of Mexico.

VIEW ON DOWNTOWN MIAMI

WHAT TO DO

MIAMI BEACH ★★★

Miami Beach ★★★ is located on a peninsula about 14 km long connected to the mainland by several bridges. It is the most popular part of Miami. Almost all the tourist activity can be found in **South Beach ★★★**, known as «SoBe» (south of 23rd Street).

OCEAN DRIVE ★★

This mythical broad avenue running parallel to the ocean is the **main thoroughfare of South Beach**. Go for a stroll and discover the many **sidewalk cafes, restaurants, bars and other trendy businesses** to be found there. It's a street that never sleeps! Be sure to visit after dark to see the lights and mingle with the crowd. Between 5th and 14th Streets, you can admire magnificent **examples of Art Deco buildings**, including the **Leslie** (1244), the **Carlyle** (1250), the **Cardozo** (1300), the **Cavalier** (1320) and **The Tides** (1220) hotels. The latter is the largest hotel on Ocean Drive. Across the boulevard is **South Beach ★★**, Miami's best known and busiest beach. It is, of course, a must-see attraction. For a more family-friendly atmosphere, try between 53rd and 63rd. You can also pay a visit to **Lummus Park** along the beach (between 1st Street and 15th Street), a popular spot for walkers and joggers.

ART DECO HISTORIC DISTRICT ★★★

This section of Miami Beach contains the largest collection of Art Deco buildings in the world, recognizable by their clean lines and rectangular forms. After a



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downturn in the city's real estate market, the area was designated a U.S. Historic District in 1979 with its almost 800 buildings built between 1923 and 1943. Originally painted white, they now have more tropical colours and are often decorated with neon lights. This district also attracts a host of locals and visitors with its trendy

nightclubs and boutiques. You can use the parking metres in the streets or use the public parking lots between 7th, 12th, 13th and 17th Streets. Begin your tour with the Art Deco Welcome Center in Lummus Park.

1001, OCEAN DRIVE, MIAMI BEACH
305-763-8026 / MDPL.ORG/WELCOME-CENTER/ART-DECO-MUSEUM

ESPANOLA WAY ★

A former artists community established in 1920, **Espanola Way ★** is now filled with **cafes, restaurants, Mediterranean-style buildings and entertainment**. Between Washington Avenue and Drexel Avenue

NIGHTLIFE

Miami Beach nightlife attracts a fairly young crowd. The many bars and clubs offer a variety of experiences: popular DJs, local and international artists, circus acts, comedy shows, and more. For an unforgettable night unlike any other, the legendary **Story nightclub** awaits! Doors open at 11 p.m., on Fridays and Saturdays. (136, Collins Avenue, Miami Beach / 305-479-4426 / www.storymiami.com).

AUTHENTIK TIP

Since afternoon thunderstorms are common in Miami, head to the beach in the morning. That way you'll be sure of enjoying long hours of sunshine and, if it does rain, you can take the opportunity to explore the city with an umbrella or do some shopping.

LINCOLN ROAD MALL

Lincoln Road is a wide **pedestrian road** running east-west, perpendicular to the ocean. It is the oldest **commercial street** in Miami and is home to a multitude of shops, galleries, restaurants and a small central square with fountains. You will also find cinemas, a concert hall, and **ArtCenter South Florida**, which houses several artist's studios, some of which are open to the public. There is tramway service between Washington Avenue and Alton Road.

PARKING

For **reasonably priced** parking in Miami Beach, go to the **Lincoln Road Mall parking garage at the corner of 17th Street and Pennsylvania**. It costs about \$2 / hour, \$15 for 8-15 hours, or a maximum of \$20 for a 24-hour period. In addition, it's an indoor supervised parking garage, so it's safe.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL ★★

This moving monument is a memorial to the **Jews who perished at the hands of the Nazis** during the Second World War. It is located on an esplanade, surrounded by water and water lilies. The statue by Kenneth Treister, **Sculpture of Love and Anguish**, which represents a hand stretched towards the sky, symbolizes the last gesture of a dying person.

1933-1945, MERIDIAN AVENUE, MIAMI BEACH
305-538-1663
HOLOCAUSTMEMORIALMIAMIBEACH.ORG

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM ★

Located **between Miami Beach and downtown**, this **children's museum** is both entertaining and educational. On the second floor, kids can **play with adults** as they visit different workshops: grocery store, bank, veterinarian, fire station, etc. On the second floor, they can **showcase their artistic talents** by playing musical instruments and doing drawing or painting. You will also find a **climbing wall and much more**. 980, MACARTHUR CAUSEWAY, MIAMI
305-373-5437
WWW.MIAMICILDRENSMUSEUM.ORG

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LINCOLN ROAD MALL



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL



MIAMI, FLORIDA



SUNSHINE IN MIAMI



Family

★ Noteworthy

★★ Worth the detour

★★★ Must see

DOWNTOWN

Bordered by Biscayne Bay and the Miami River, downtown Miami may seem a little sleepy next to the crowded beaches of Miami Beach, but it is worth a mention. You will easily recognize it by its collection of skyscrapers.

BAYSIDE MARKETPLACE ★

Located near Biscayne Bay, this market built in 1987 caters mainly to tourists from cruise ships. It features many **souvenir stands, shops and restaurants**, including the Hard Rock Cafe and its enormous yellow guitar! You will also be able to see **Fisher Island**, the «wealthiest zip code in America», a members-only island inhabited exclusively by millionaires in lavish mansions

401, BISCAYNE BOULEVARD, MIAMI
305-577-3344
WWW.BAYSIDEMARKETPLACE.COM

MILLIONAIRE'S ROW CRUISE

Although it is very touristy, the **Millionaire's Row Cruise** is a great way to explore **Biscayne Bay**. It lasts an hour and a half and provides spectacular views of the Bay with its **luxury islands**, the Port of Miami with its immense cruise liners, the beautiful **downtown Miami skyline**, and "Millionaire's Row" with the **homes of the rich and famous** such as Puff Daddy, Julio Iglesias, Gloria Estefan and Oprah Winfrey. Other excursions are also available.

401, BISCAYNE BOULEVARD, MIAMI
1-844-412-5823
WWW.ISLANDQUEENCRAUISES.COM

WYNWOOD DISTRICT ★★

This area once full of warehouses is now a **world-renowned art district**. There are **many galleries**, and to see the artists at work, be sure to visit mid-week. The district also boasts **hundreds of murals** painted by renowned street artists. For a sampling of these beautiful works, go to **Wynwood Walls**. (266 NW 26th Street / 305-531-4411 / www.thewynwoodwalls.com). And if you need new shoes, pay a visit to the **huge specialized warehouses** on NW 25th and NW 26th. You'll find the right shoe for you, guaranteed!

LITTLE HAVANA

There are many **Cubans** in Miami, many of whom live

in the vibrant Little Havana community. The heart of the historic neighbourhood is characterized by its **street life, music and good food**. Take a walk along **Calle Ocho** (8th Street), the main street, to discover its **restaurants, cigar shops and barber shops**, its **delicious café cubano**, and **Maximo Gomez Park** ★ (corner of 15th Avenue), where the locals get together every day to play dominos. This neighbourhood is bordered by the Miami River to the east, SW 37th Avenue to the west, NW 7th Street to the north and Coral Way to the south.

CORAL GABLES ★★

The chic **Mediterranean-themed** community of **Coral Gables** ★★ is a favourite nightlife destination



CENTRAL DOWNTOWN MIAMI

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BAYSIDE MARKET

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WYNWOOD DISTRICT

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among Miami residents, but it is also very popular with tourists.

Four large gates mark the entrance to the city. You can use a metered parking spot, on Coral Way for example, and then explore on foot. For a detailed map, go to **City Hall**: 405 Biltmore Avenue, Coral Gables.

CORAL WAY

A walk along the main street, **Coral Way**, also known as **Miracle Mile**, provides a good overview of the neighborhood. It is also a prime evening destination for Miami denizens.

BILTMORE HOTEL ★★

Built in 1926, for a long time this **architectural masterpiece** was the most prestigious hotel in southern Florida. The iconic cake-shaped building is easily recognizable with its **91-metre tower, inspired by La Giralda in Sevilla, Spain**. Dare to enter the lobby to admire its sumptuous decor. In addition to a lavish clubhouse, the Biltmore has 20 tennis courts, two golf courses, horseback riding trails, a polo field and a **huge swimming pool**, apparently the largest in the country!

1200, ANASTASIA AVENUE,
CORAL GABLES
1-855-311-6903
WWW.BILTMOREHOTEL.COM

VENETIAN POOL ★★★

Venetian Pool ★★★ was created from a former coral rock quarry, and is a recreation facility unlike any other. The **magnificent site** features **waterfalls, cave-like grottos** and a **large swimming pool** with a **footbridge** leading across it. It's the perfect spot to go swimming, enjoy a drink on the patio, or just take in the scenery. Please note that sale of admission tickets ceases for the day once the pool has reached maximum capacity, and children under 3 are not admitted.

2701, DE SOTO BOULEVARD,
CORAL GABLES
305-460-5306

A BIT OF HISTORY...

The Merrick family purchased land in southern Florida to grow citrus fruit in 1899. A few years later, George Merrick, the eldest son and a great visionary, took over the management and development of the orchards. He used the 1,214 hectares he owned in 1921 to create the planned community of Coral Gables. Merrick brought together the best engineers, architects and designers to help make his dream a reality. The early buildings were inspired by Spanish and Italian architecture and built from local coral limestone. The terracotta roofs greatly contribute to the neighbourhood's charm.



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VENETIAN POOL CORAL GABLES

WWW.CORALGABLES.COM/
VENETIAN-POOL

FAIRCHILD TROPICAL GARDEN ★★

Inaugurated in **1938** and covering an area of **34 hectares**, this tropical garden is the most beautiful in Miami and one of the largest in the country. It has **12 artificial lakes** and more than **2,500 plant and tree species**, including several rare and endangered species. You can explore the garden on

foot or climb aboard a **tram** for a 45-minute narrated tour (departures every hour).

10 901, OLD CUTLER ROAD,
CORAL GABLES
305-667-1651
WWW.FAIRCHILDGARDEN.ORG

MATHESON HAMMOCK PARK ★

This scenic park has a **beach** with a **magnificent view of Miami** and a **man-made atoll pool**, which is flushed naturally with the tidal action of nearby

Biscayne Bay. It is a nice stop for a quiet swim or to grab a bite to eat before resuming your tour of the city. You will find **picnic areas**, a **marina**, a **snack bar** and a good **restaurant**, the Red Fish Grill (www.redfishgrill.net). The park is open from sunrise to sunset.
9610, OLD CUTLER ROAD,
CORAL GABLES
305-665-5475
WWW.MIAMIDADE.GOV/PARKS/
MATHESON-HAMMOCK.ASP

COCONUT GROVE ★★

Hugging the shoreline of Biscayne Bay, **Coconut Grove** ★★ is another magnificent neighbourhood with a warm, laid-back Florida atmosphere. It features historic residential streets and a lively centre that is one of Miami's favorite neighborhoods for locals and visitors alike. Coconut Grove also has a number of outdoor festivals and events.

VIZCAYA MUSEUM AND GARDENS ★★★

In 1916, Illinois native and businessman **James Deering** built this opulent Italian Renaissance-style villa with the help of decorator **Paul Chalfin** and architect **F. Burrall Hoffman Jr.**, so he could spend the winters in a warm climate by the sea. Today, the **most beautiful house in Miami** is also a museum. You can tour the villa's antique-filled rooms as well as its indoor courtyard and nearly 4 hectares of Italian Renaissance **gardens**.
3251, S. MIAMI AVENUE,
COCONOT GROVE
305-250-9133
WWW.VIZCAYA.ORG

COCONUT GROVE VILLAGE ★

This trendy district is extremely popular with young professionals and students. Take a walk along Streets of Mayfair and CocoWalk with their upscale shopping, bars and cinemas, Commodore Plaza with its cafes and patios, or Fuller Street with its bookstores. Corner of Grand Avenue and Main Highway.

A BIT OF HISTORY...

Dr. Horace Porter decided to establish a **coconut plantation** here in 1873, which he quickly abandoned, but which led to the name **Coconut Grove**. In 1877, **Ralph Middleton Munroe** fell in love with the site and built a hotel that attracted a great many visitors, many of whom returned to build their own homes. By 1890, the community was the largest in South Florida, characterized by an eclectic mix of **pioneers, artists, intellectuals and adventurers**. The town was **annexed to Miami in 1930**, but it kept its distinctive charm.

THE BARNACLE STATE HISTORIC PARK ★★

This 2-hectare Florida State Park contains the historic former home of **Ralph Middleton Munroe**, one of **Coconut Grove's** founders. You can tour the **family home**, built in 1891, and the **boat house** and see a **replica of a yacht** designed by Munroe himself.
3485, MAIN HIGHWAY,
COCONUT GROVE / 305-442-6866
WWW.FLORIDASTATEPARKS.ORG/
PARKS-AND-TRAILS/BARNACLE-HISTORIC-STATE-PARK



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FLORIDA'S TOLL ROADS

Florida roads are well maintained, and this can be explained, in part, by the tolls required to drive on them.

Some rental vehicles have an automatic payment badge. If this is not your case, **keep about US\$25 in cash (in small bills: \$1 and \$5 bills and change) in your car** so that you can pay quickly when you come to a **toll booth** (toll plaza). **Be sure to use a lane that accepts cash payment** (not in lanes reserved for Epass, Express Pass, Sun Pass, etc.).

Here are some of the region's main toll roads:

- **Florida's Turnpike** (SR-91)
- **Ronald Reagan Turnpike** (SR-821)
- **I-95 Express**
- **Alligator Alley / Everglades Parkway** (I-75)
- **Airport Tollway** (SR-112)
- **Beachline Expressway** (SR-528)
- **Suncoast Parkway** (SR-589)
- **Dolphin Expressway** (SR-836)
- **Don Shula Expressway** (SR-874)
- **Rickenbacker Causeway** (SR-913)

Some bridges also require a toll.



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NEARBY

SOUTH MIAMI- DADE COUNTRY

ZOO MIAMI ★★
The **Miami Zoo** ★★ is the **largest and oldest zoological park in Florida**. The region's hot climate makes it possible for the zoo to house more than **500 animal species** from Asia, Australia and Africa. **Shows** are presented throughout the day. A 4.8-km **footpath** leads through the park, while a **monorail system** offers tours with magnificent views. There are also **restaurants** and **water games**.

12 400, S.W. 152ND STREET, MIAMI
305-251-0400
WWW.ZOOMIAMI.ORG

KEY BISCAYNE ★★
Key Biscayne ★★ is a **barrier island in Biscayne Bay**, about 3.2 km from downtown Miami. Former American president **Richard Nixon** purchased a summer home there in 1970, and the community has been attracting tourists from around the world ever since. The island boasts luxury hotels, gourmet restaurants and the **most beautiful beaches in Florida**. It's worth a visit if you have the time! You can drive there via the **Rickenbacker Causeway**.

BILL BAGGS CAPE FLORIDA STATE PARK ★

This **natural park** in the southern part of Key Biscayne offers magnificent views of downtown Miami and cycling and walking trails along the bay. It is a popular spot for **biking, walking, kayaking, fishing and swimming**. The park is also home to a **historic lighthouse** built in 1825. Guided tours of the lighthouse and keeper's cottage are available twice a day, from Thursday-Monday. You can eat at one of the park's two restaurants or enjoy a picnic. Bicycles, lounge chairs and umbrellas can be rented on location.

1 200, S. CRANDON BOULEVARD, KEY
BISCAYNE / 786-582-2673
WWW.FLORIDASTATEPARKS.ORG/
PARK/CAPE-FLORIDA



BISCAYNE BAY



BILL BAGGS CAPE FLORIDA STATE PARK



FLAMINGO IN MIAMI ZOO



BISCAYNE BOULEVARD AT NIGHT



VIEW ON DOWNTOWN MIAMI



Family

★ Noteworthy ★★ Worth the detour ★★★ Must see

WHERE TO EAT

PANE & VINO (\$\$-\$\$\$)

This is one of the best Italian restaurants in Miami Beach. A favorite both for the service and the quality of the food. The fresh pasta, prepared before you, is simply perfect. Be sure to make a reservation.

1450, WASHINGTON AVENUE,
MIAMI BEACH
305-535-9027
WWW.PANEEVINOMIA.COM

CVI.CHE 105 (\$\$-\$\$\$)

Known for its great selection of creative ceviches and fresh and tasty seafood, this Peruvian restaurant provides a unique gastronomic experience. The Ceviche Ganador, invented by

chef and owner Juan Chipoco, is one of the most popular dishes on the menu. You will also find many other traditional dishes from Peru. *You can book online.*

105, N.E. 3RD AVENUE, MIAMI
(DOWNTOWN)
305-577-3454 OU
1245, LINCOLN ROAD, MIAMI BEACH
786-534-8651
WWW.CEVICHE105.COM

YUCA RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE (\$\$-\$\$\$)

YUCA stands for Young Urban Cuban American. This trendy Cuban restaurant is located in the heart of South Beach. It offers a friendly atmosphere, original cuisine with fresh

ingredients, a warm welcome and a beautiful setting.

501, LINCOLN ROAD, MIAMI BEACH
305-532-9822
WWW.YUCA.COM

THE CAPITAL GRILLE (\$\$\$\$)

A delight for steak lovers! With its classically elegant American decor, this downtown Miami restaurant is renowned for its excellent dry-aged steaks. Attentive service and an exceptional wine cellar.

444, BRICKELL AVENUE, MIAMI
(DOWNTOWN)
305-374-4500
THECAPITALGRILLE.COM

JUVIA (\$\$\$\$)

The Juvia Terrace offers a spectacular view of Miami. The setting is worth it, even if you just go for a drink. The menu is varied and features a wide array of cocktails. It is best to reserve for a good seat.

1111, LINCOLN ROAD, MIAMI BEACH
305-763-8272
JUVIAMIAMIA.COM



LUMMUS PARK, MIAMI BEACH

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